

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. An instrument panel mounted on a vehicle, comprising:
2 a substrate; and
3 a first ink reception layer, which covers an obverse face of the
4 substrate and causes ink to permeate therein,
5 wherein the ink permeated in the first ink reception layer forms at
6 least part of indicative scales, indicative numerals, indicative characters and
7 indicative symbols on the instrument panel which are visually presented to a
8 driver.

- 1 2. The instrument panel as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a
2 second ink reception layer, which covers a reverse face of the substrate and
3 causes ink to permeate therein, wherein:
4 the ink permeated in the second ink reception layer forms at least part
5 of the indicative scales, the indicative numerals, the indicative characters and
6 the indicative symbols; and
7 the substrate is made of a transparent material.

- 1 3. The instrument panel as set forth in claim 1, wherein the first ink
2 reception layer is made of a heat-resistant material.

- 1 4. The instrument panel as set forth in claim 2, wherein the second ink
2 reception layer is made of a heat-resistant material.

1 5. The instrument panel as set forth in claim 2, wherein at least one of
2 the first ink reception layer and the second ink reception layer includes a
3 light-diffusion material therein.

1 6. The instrument panel as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an
2 adhesive layer which adheres the substrate and the first ink reception layer
3 with each other.

1 7. The instrument panel as set forth in claim 2, further comprising an
2 adhesive layer which adheres the substrate and the second ink reception layer
3 with each other.

1 8. A method of manufacturing an instrument panel mounted on a vehicle,
2 comprising the steps of:
3 providing a substrate;
4 depositing an ink permeative layer so as to cover at least one of an
5 obverse face and a reverse face of the substrate;
6 providing digital print data according to a design of the instrument
7 panel including indicative scales, indicative numerals, indicative characters and
8 indicative symbols on the instrument panel which are visually presented to a
9 driver; and
10 jetting ink to the ink permeative layer in accordance with the digital
11 print data.

- 1 9. The manufacturing method as set forth in claim 8, further comprising
- 2 the step of determining the design of the instrument panel according to a
- 3 request of the driver.